

JAN 8 1971



UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20451

January 5, 1971

Dear Joshua:

Your contributions to our continuing study of CW verification were very welcome. It is, indeed, all too clear that organophosphorous substances are so widespread, and likely to become more so, that verification of agent production would be a very difficult proposition at best. You might be interested that SIPRI's inspection experiment on CW is to include "flame retardants or other organophosphates". We are looking into the status of flame retardants as well as other commercial substances with P-C bond. The material from SRI will be particularly useful and we will look into the service which they provide, as you suggest.

I was interested in your comment about the Swedish argument regarding the commercial importance of the P-C bond. I had apparently missed this contention on their part, but it is logical that they would take this position.

You will have seen the announcement about the destruction of BW agents. I imagine the process will actually begin some time in February or early March. While the carrying out of the set of decisions on BW has not moved along as fast as some might have liked, it seems to me to be coming out quite well in all the essential respects.

I enjoyed our lunch and I hope you will let me know if you are in town again on another such occasion. I expect to be in Geneva for the spring stint from late February to late April and will no doubt be heavily engaged there on CBW.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. R. Day", written over a horizontal line.

Arthur R. Day  
Deputy Assistant Director  
International Relations Bureau

Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
Department of Genetics  
Stanford University Medical Center  
Stanford, California 94305